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FISH INDUSTRY EXPANDS

ESTONIAN COMBINES INCREASE CAPACITY -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 128, 2 Jun 49

The Pyarnu Fish Combine has opened a new temporary shop for fish salting, with a capacity of 1,000 tons. Salting of sprats in barrels will be done at this place. A new icehouse with a capacity of 300 tons is to be built next to the shop.

Delivery of the spring fish catch is in full progress. Kolkhos fishermen have delivered to the receiving points twice as many fish as during the same period of last year. Fish canneries have begun mass output of sprats and smelts in oil and tomato sauce, as well as smoked and salted fish. Since the beginning of the spring fishing season, over 700,000 cans of various fish were prepared, which is 20 percent more than for the same period of last year. Fish-processing plants are being enlarged. In Pyarnu, construction of a fish cannery with canning, smoking, and tin-can shops will soon be completed.

By the end of 1949, construction of a new fish combine will begin in Pyarnu. This will be the largest combine in the Republic. It will produce 25,000 cans per shift, which is 3 times more than the Pyarnu Fish Cannery has been producing up to this time.

LATVIAN FISHERMEN KICKED PLAN -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 128, 2 Jun 49

Fishermen of the Līepaya Artel fulfilled the 6-month plan for fishing ahead of schedule. The fish catch was 55 tons above the quarter plan. The Līepaya Artel pledged to deliver 7,000 centners of cod and sprats above plan by the end of the second quarter.

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COLLECTIVIZATION AIDS FISH CATCH -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 129, 3 Jun 49

The fish catch in the Estonian SSR during the first 3 years of the post-war Five-Year Plan has increased 200 percent over 1945. However, in the socialist competition for the fulfilling of the Five-Year Plan in 4 years, Estonian fishermen are lagging miserably. On 61.2 percent of the 3-year gross-production plan and 53.8 percent of the fish-catch plan was completed by the Ministry of Fish Industry Estonian SSR, by 1 May.

At the Congress of the KP(b) Estonia, the Party called for the collectivization of the fish industry and the fulfillment of the Five-Year Plan in 4 years. The collectivization program has been successful. There were only six fish kolkhozes, with 240 members, in Estonia on 1 January 1949. Now there are 109 fishing kolkhozes and 35 fishing brigades in agricultural estates with 3,931 members, which include 92.9 percent of Estonian fishermen. This has brought good results. Only 36.3 percent of the first-quarter fish-catch plan was completed, but in April, when most fishermen were collectivized, 141.7 percent of the plan was fulfilled.

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